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## Resolution 1981-05-14 Foreign Animal Disease Protection Through U.S. Customs Service

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WHEREAS, the Act is potentially a powerful tool for the conservation of nongame fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that State conservation plans be developed, approved, and implemented without delay, both because of the urgent conservation needs of nongame fish and wildlife and because of the diminishing share of Federal support prescribed by the Act over the next decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that the Administration submit to the Congress a fiscal year 1983 budget request for the full five million dollars authorized under the Act.

### **Resolution No. 5**

#### **Foreign Animal Disease Protection Through U.S. Customs Service**

WHEREAS, both wildlife and domestic livestock interests of the United States are becoming increasingly vulnerable to numerous devastating foreign animal diseases, e.g., foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, and exotic Newcastle disease that can wreak havoc to these and many associated industries; and

WHEREAS, the most likely source of introduction of foreign animal diseases is through illegal importation of infected meat, semen, vaccines, hides, and diseased birds, and whereas tons of potentially disease-laden contraband are confiscated annually by officers of the U.S. Customs Service; and

WHEREAS, ever-accelerating numbers of tourists and travelers nevertheless register protest against minor inconvenience associated with required baggage inspection by U.S. Customs Service officers at international airports throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in response to such complaints, the office of Management and Budget is bringing pressure on the U.S. Department of the Treasury to further relax restrictions on baggage inspection which, if effected, could open the way for entry of increasing amounts of dangerous products into this country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the Congress of the United States to take measures to prevent relaxation of such stringent restrictions against indiscriminate introduction of potentially dangerous plant and animal products before the entire populace of this nation has to pay an awesome price for lack of foresight and gross negligence in this respect.

### **Resolution No. 6**

#### **Recognition of National Rifle Association For Hunter Education Efforts**

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association of America inaugurated the first hunter safety training program through NRA Clubs for the State of